Hospital for Women in the Kottayam Division.

251. *MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a deputation of women from Thodupuzha waited on the Dewan and represented their grievance in the matter of opening a hospital for women in the Kottayam Division in 1933; and

(*b*) what the Dewan's reply was?

DR. S. JOHN (*Surgeon General*): (*a*) and (*b*) Government have no information.

MR. V. SREEDHARAN PILLAI: Sir, May I know from the honurable member whether the lending of surgical instruments to private practitioners is prohibited?

MR. S. JOHN: Private practitioners are expected to have their own instruments.

Lending of surgical instruments.

252. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any Standing Order regarding the lending of surgical instruments from Government Hospitals to private practitioners for emergencies on payment of a fixed rental?

DR. S. JOHN; There is no such Standing Order.

Relief work in the Shertalai and Ambalapuzha taluks.

253. *MR. XAVIER VINCENT (*Ambalapusha* cum *Shertalai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount allotted for relief work in the Shertalai and Ambalapuzha taluks in 1115, 1116 and 1117;

(*b*) whether the entire amount sanctioned has been spent;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reasons therefor;

(*d*) why relief work has been stopped in those taluks; and

(*e*) whether Government are aware that there is a good deal of unemployment and consequent want in those taluks more particularly in Shertalai?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Rs. 79,509 in 1115.
Rs. 2,10,200—in 1116.
Rs. 77,329—in 1117.

(*b*) & (*c*) The entire amount could not be spent mainly on account of delay in getting lands surrendered.

(*d*) Owing to improvement in the situation caused by the labour problem.

(*e*) No.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: What is the improvement in the situation caused by the labour problem?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: There is no need for any relief work in the locality at present, as there is no unemployment there.

Irrigation works in the Tiruvalla taluk.

254. *MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

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